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SUBJECT: REPROCESSING, THE SHAH'S ROLE, AND THE NEWSOM VISIT

REF: A. ISLAMABAD 6399; B. ISLAMABAD 6335; C. STATE 167550,

1. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED, BRIEFLY, TO SORT OUT FOR BENEFIT OF UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM OUR IMPRESSION OF THE MOOD HE WILL FACE WHEN HE SETS DOWN HERE IN PAKISTAN ON THE 14TH (REF A). AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS IS IRANIAN-PAK TENSION.

2. WE HAVE ALSO MADE A STRONG POINT OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE SHAH'S ROLE IN THE DELICATE SCENARIO FOR THE JACOMET AND NEWSOM VIS TS DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. (REF B).

3. IT IS WITH THESE POINTS IN MIND THAT WE WERE STRUCK WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S APPARENT ASSUMPTION THAT THE SHAH WON'T PLAY UNLESS AND UNTIL THE BHUTTO DRAMA IS PLAYED OUT TO HIS SATISFACTION (REF C). WE FIND THIS ESPECIALLY DISTURBING IN VIEW OF THE LONG HISTORY OF LECTURES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE SHAH ABOUT NOT PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THIS AREA, ETC. AND THE CLOSE COOPERATIVE ROLE WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH HIM (AND THE FRENCH) ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTION. GETTING PAST THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING ISSUE IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THE HELP HE AND WE AGREE PAKISTAN NEEDS. BUT OUR RULE IS NOT ENOUGH;

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OUR PACKAGE MAY NOT, BY ITSELF, CARRY THE DAY. WE NEED HIS CONTRIBUTION TOO.

4. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULD NOT BLANDLY ALLOW HIM TO SIT THIS OUT, AT THIS STAGE, WITHOUT CHALLENGE AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE NEWSOM MESSAGE IN TEHRAN.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO TEHRAN AND PARIS.

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